

**Minutes of the Jasper Community Arts Commission
City of Jasper, Indiana
April 3, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Jasper Community Arts Commission was held at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 3, 2018, in the Council Chambers at Jasper City Hall. Roll call was held with the following **Commission Members Present:** Darla Blazey, Mike Jones, Sherry Monesmith, Kent Reyling, Beth Seidl, & Pat Thyen. **Commission Member Absent:** Jay Hamlin, Becky Hickman, Linda Kahle, Gary Moeller, & Selena Vonderheide. **Staff Members Present:** Kyle Rupert, Doreen Lechner, Corina Mack, Emily Peak, Donna Schepers, & Liz Book. **City Attorney:** Renée Kabrick. **Guests in attendance:** Dean Vonderheide, Christine Golden, & Lenin Mack. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Approval of Minutes

Sherry Monesmith moved to approve the minutes of the March meeting. **Beth Seidl** seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

City Financial Statement

Mike Jones moved to approve the claims as presented. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Public Business

- Dean Vonderheide, President of the Jasper Public Library Board, gave an update on the opening of the bids for the demolition of the Hoosier Desk site in preparation for construction of the Cultural Center. He reported that there were multiple businesses interested in the project, including businesses from as far away as Georgia and Delaware. Hafer will look over the submitted bids and give a recommendation to the Library Board for approval.

Director's Report/Performing Art

Kyle reported:

- Derek Schweikharth was hired to fill the Technical Assistant position and his first day was on Monday. Kyle is happy to have him in the position.
- The Board received a draft copy of the Strategic Plan to look over, with discussion to follow at the next meeting.
- *The Amazing Max* performance fee has increased from what was originally presented. The new fee is \$6,500 which includes outreach and travel costs. Kyle commented that the increased fee is in line with what has been paid previously for Family Fun performances. **Darla Blazey** moved to approve the change in performance fee to \$6,500. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 6-0.
- Kyle also reported that the performance date for Joe Diffie and Mark Chestnutt has been moved to January 19, 2019.
- The phone number listed in the PSC phonebook for Jasper Community Arts is incorrect. To reach the Arts Center please call 812-482-3070 *not* the phone number listed.

Building and Structure Report

Doreen reported:

- Nothing to report.

Visual Art Report

Emily reported:

- Youth Art Month featured students from the area high schools and middle schools. The exhibit was a great success. One of the performer's from *Journey to Oz* purchased a piece from a Southridge Middle School exhibitor.
- She also had hospitality for multiple performances in the month of March.

- Jonathan Soard will be featured in the Krempp Gallery for the month of April. His pieces are photographs on metal and he also has additional drawings. First Thursday will be held on April 5th and the artist will be present for a gallery talk.
- ARTventure workshop information will be sent out this month.
- She will have the proposed artists for the 2019 calendar year at the next meeting.

Education Report

Donna reported:

- She thanked Corina for putting together a great pre-show event for *Journey to Oz* and complimented her on the level of detail that went into making it a success.
- On March 17th there was a tap master class for 6 students prior to the *Rhythmic Circus* performance. Donna was impressed with the amount of knowledge the students gained in a short amount of time. One student travelled from Illinois to attend the workshop.
- The first in the *Brown Bag* series was attended by 23 people and the feedback received was positive. The last two events in the series are sold out. The majority of those spots were filled with students from Jasper High School.
- The regional school performance *Journey to Oz* was attended by 5 different schools and had almost 900 students and teachers in attendance.
- Kennedy Center Artist, *Judy Klevins*, will be back in May to continue her work with students to develop and tell their stories. This time she will also hold a workshop for parents and teachers in the evening.
- *Call of the Wild* will be presented for middle school students and will also include a research study that will evaluate how the arts affect learning. The students will read the book *Call of the Wild* and take a test either before or after the performance. There will be two school shows on March 1, 2019, and the fee would be \$5,000. **Mike Jones** moved to approve *Call of the Wild* for two school shows for \$5,000. **Sherry Monesmith** seconded. Motion passed 6-0.
- Donna was invited to present at the next school board meeting with Assistant Superintendent, Todd Hitchcock.

Project Coordinator Report

Corina reported:

- The *Journey to Oz* pre-show event went very well, and she thanked Emily and Beth for their help with craft. The performers commented how impressed they were with the event.
- *Chalk Walk* registration will now be available online through Corsizio. She will begin to market the online registration on social media.
- The first pottery event was a St. Patrick's Day theme geared towards children, with 30 children and parents in attendance. The next event will be held on April 26th and is for adults.
- On April 24th Corina and Emily will host a team building canvas event for Northwood Good Samaritan employees.
- The 35th Annual *Downtown Youth Art Contest* will be held on April 27th and 28th.
- Junior Achievement Job Shadow will be held on Wednesday. There will be 12 students from the Jasper Middle School who will learn about what the staff does.

Old Business

- The marquee lighting of the Astra will be held on April 11th and grand opening will follow on the 14th. The Next Act will present *The Wizard of Oz* following Chalk Walk.
- Renée reported that demolition bid may be awarded at the next Utility Board Meeting on April 16th. Hafer is currently working on the construction documents, as well as, the demolition specifications. She requested the approval of a change order in the amount of \$16,500 to cover their additional time spent in preparing the demolition specifications. The cost would be split equally between the Arts and the Library. **Mike Jones** moved to approve a change order to Hafer in the amount of \$16,500 to be split evenly with the Library. **Kent Reyling** seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

- LEADs is still meeting. There was a small group present at the last meeting which was held during Spring Break. There were a few additional donations made and a total of \$4.7 million has been raised.
- Kyle wanted to shed some light on the *Journey to Oz* performance. The rider that was included with the contract was more than a year out of date and painted a very different picture of the amount of time and commitment that would be placed on the staff. What was initially thought to be a 6 hour load-in with no additional volunteers needed, became a 14-15 hour load-in with additional help needed and highly elaborate set. He acknowledged Doreen's vast knowledge and skill-set which allowed the performance to go off without a hitch. He also thanked the staff for pitching in to help fill in the gaps.
- Renée also mentioned that the original agreement for the Cultural Center gave the opportunity to use Hafer to help with the interior design of the Cultural Center. Should the Board elect to execute that part of the agreement they would work with local companies to source materials. Since this would be part of a professional service it would not need to be opened up to bids. The cost would be up to \$45,000 to be split evenly with the Library. **Sherry Monesmith** moved to approve Hafer for the interior design work up to \$45,000 to be split evenly with the Library. **Beth Seidl** seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

New Business

Adjournment

Darla Blazey moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:15. **Pat Thyen** seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Michael Jones

Attested